

# ROCK PICKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: August 2016

## August 2016

Next meeting is Wednesday, August 3rd, 6:00 PM at the Canton Library. Pot luck dinner! Mineral of the month for show and tell is: Pyrite.

**President: William deLorraine**

**Vice President: Wes Jennings**

**Secretary: Joanna deLorraine**

**Treasurer: Ashley Meade**

**Show Chairperson: Gary Garlough**

**Newsletter Editor: Bill deLorraine**

**Webmaster: Glenn Simonelli**

## 2016 Membership Dues

**Please ensure that we have your current e-mail address!**

We strive to send all newsletters by e-mail  
Please mail dues to:

**Ashley Meade, Treasurer**  
**3715 CR 14**

**Madrid, NY 13660**

**Single Membership: \$10.00. Family  
Membership: (Family members under the  
same roof at the same mailing address):**

**\$20.00**

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**THE CLUB'S WEBSITE:**

**[www.stLawrencecountymineralclub.org](http://www.stLawrencecountymineralclub.org)**



## Gem & Mineral Shows

### **August:**

**20-21 St. Lawrence Co. Rock & Mineral Club Show, Canton, New York**

**50th Annual Show -- NEW LOCATION ...**

**The Canton Pavilion.** Free admission, free mineral kits for kids, free gem tree classes, mineral ID table. Fluorescent mineral hunt for kids Friday, 19th, at dusk. Hrs. Sat. 9-4, Sunday 9-3; wdellie@gmail.com 315-287-4652.

### **September:**

**17-18 Poughkeepsie Mid-Hudson Valley Gold's Gym 258 Titusville Rd. 10-5 Sat. 10-4 Sunday [www.mlvgms.org](http://www.mlvgms.org)**

**24-25 60th Annual Franklin Sterling Gem and Mineral Show; Franklin Elementary School, 50 Washington Ave, Franklin NJ 07416**

**Indoor show: Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Sunday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.**

**Outdoor Swap: Saturday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Sunday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.**

### **Minutes from the July Meeting.**

**The meeting opened at 6:40 PM. Thirteen members attended the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Joanna. No Treasurer's report was available at this time. Sign-up sheets show helpers were passed around. Bob Taillon noted that "clean-up" crew category should be added to the sign-up sheets. Bill asked**



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what time we should close at night, as someone from the pavilion will need to lock up at night. Scott noted that it had been around 9:00 the last seven years or so. Bill mentioned that Sue and George Robinson brought over about 6 flats of minerals from Sky's that we could add to the mineral club table. Many thanks to George and Sue for boxing and labeling these specimens!

**Under "Show reporting":** It was noted that RV parking space and electric hookups are available. Shower facilities are available during the daylight hrs. We voted on the club purchasing (2) 50' extension cords and power bars. We will need about 8 to 10 of them. Many members said they had extension cords and power bars that they would bring also to the show. Camping is allowed on the Park grounds.

Bill brought one of our new signs which we had changed the design lettering to read "Canton" and that some of the lettering was larger for better visual effect. Bill reported that the show T-shirts have been ordered.

**Under "Advertising"** Joanna advised that we have ads in the St. Lawrence Co. Visitor's Guide, Spring/Summer edition. There have been two press releases in the Ogdensburg paper. We are listed in the Summer Fun (August) Watertown Daily Times, and will be on their calendar of events soon and press releases as well. There have been two news releases in the Gouverneur Tribune Press.

Bob Taillon listed us on FB. Thank You Bob! Great job. We now can post events, pictures, etc. on FB. Great for advertising. Dino gave a report the mineral hunt for kids and mineral kits for kids. He is pretty set with everything. He has the lights and will get the batteries, all set there. Went over what minerals he still could use for kits for kids. He will make the labels for the kid's mineral kits again this year.

Gary & Lisa Garlough and Wes Jennings are going

to the Syracuse show and will look for mineral kit stones. Dino said he also could look on line. He has a supply of Fluorescent minerals for the kids hunt left over from last year which were given to him by dealers and one of our members. He will check on purchasing one \$50.00 flat rate box of fluorescent minerals NJ. (as of this printing that box has arrived). He has the lights and will get the batteries and do an inventory. Dino also said he and his family would glue the dates on the signs again this year. He is coordinating times and dates with Bill.

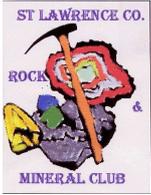
Members voted that we will order a large cake for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the show. Maybe have just before the auction? Free coffee and doughnuts for dealers might not work this year as it would interfere with the concession stand's business.

We went over show and tell, Mineral of the month, herks and NW Adirondack quartz, samples brought by Bill. Wes also brought some moonstone for everyone to look at and other minerals. George Robinson noted that in the 1960's he had an explosive license and there was a large over burden at the moonstone mine that they were afraid someone would get seriously hurt under. So they blew up the overhang and that is the rubble that is there now that has to be dug through, along with many trees. Sue and George brought agates with quartz in them for show and tell. We passed out flyers for members to take and distribute.

At the August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting we will pass out signs.

We need field trip leaders for Powers and Bush filed trips.

Spencer Storm won the door prize of galena and calcite from MO.



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## **Next Meeting: August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

### **The Canton Pavilion: Salient Notes**

Parking space and electrical hookups available for RVs on pavement alongside pavilion.

Shower facilities available during the day; facility locked for security during nighttime hours.

50' extension cords needed to reach interior of arena.  
(The club may wish to consider purchase of a half dozen cords for vendors)

Camping is allowed on Park grounds.

### **Next Mineral of the Month: Pyrite**



The mineral pyrite, or iron pyrite, also known as fool's gold, is an iron sulfide. This mineral's metallic luster and pale brass-yellow hue give it a resemblance to gold, hence the well-known nickname of fool's gold. The color has also led to the nicknames brass, brazzle, and Brazil, primarily used to refer to pyrite found in coal. Many nice local specimens came from the zinc mine formerly located at Pierrepont, NY.

*Please plan to attend our next meeting. It is a very important one as it's the last scheduled meeting before the annual show. We will be passing out the new yellow signs for distribution throughout the County and going over final details for our upcoming show. It goes a long way for pre-show advertising and awareness -- It's important that we "get this right" as with a change in venue there's a chance of a fall-off of attendance if we don't. We'll be passing out the "Show Helper" sign-up sheets once again because we need your help! At the registration table, to help set up the vendor tables in the arena Friday morning; there's a whole lot of work to do and we emphatically do need your valued contribution. Remember this: It doesn't all just "come together" without us all pulling together towards the common goal of a really great and successful show; Be well, happy collecting; --Bill--*